



## Mercer Island Girl Scouts, SU430 Troop Leader Meeting Agenda Tuesday, September 11, 2018, 7-8 pm @ MIPC

### 1. Inspiration, Welcome, and Thanks! (Kathy McDonald - 15 minutes)

- We are Service Unit 430: 42 troops and 367 girls strong all from Mercer Island
- Kathy McDonald (Service Unit Manager): [kathymcdonald2012@gmail.com](mailto:kathymcdonald2012@gmail.com); Cell 206.356.4787
- Liz Evans (Service Unit Treasurer): [elizabethmooreevans@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethmooreevans@yahoo.com)
- Melissa Curtis (Troop Program Manager/Staff): [MCurtis@girlscoutsww.org](mailto:MCurtis@girlscoutsww.org)
- Claire Robinson (Community Engagement/Staff): [CRobinson@girlscoutsww.org](mailto:CRobinson@girlscoutsww.org)
- MEETING KAPERS: Inspirational Reader, Note Taker, Time Keeper, Brainstorm Helper, Snacks next time
- AROUND THE HORN: Name, program level, grade, # of girls, schools, and if you were a Girl Scout. 😊

### 2. Get Your Year Started Off Right (Melissa & Kathy - 5 minutes)

- REGISTRATION & VOLUNTEERS: Roster, Troop Leaders, Treasurer, Cookie Manager, Background Check
- CALENDAR & PLAN FOR YEAR: Survey monkey coming from Kathy
- FORMS TO DO NOW: Girl Permissions and Health History Form and Adult Health History Form
- SAFETY: Safety Activity Checkpoint, Site Safety Checklist
- TRAINING: First Aid, Outdoor Overnight (Oct. 19-21 River Ranch; Nov 10-11 St. Albans, April 12-13 River Ranch)

### 3. GSWW Updates (Melissa - 5 minutes)

- NEW PROGRAM CONTENT: Volunteer Toolkit has new badges & journeys added in July
- EVENTS: Volunteer Leadership Conference: Sept. 29, 9am-5pm in Dupont, WA; The Big Deal: January 29; Annual Meeting: Feb. 2019 (service unit to elect delegates)

### 4. Service Unit Activities and Plans (Kathy – 10 minutes)

- RESOURCES & COMMUNICATIONS: [girlscoutsww.org](http://girlscoutsww.org); MI GS Weebly <https://migirlscouts.weebly.com/>; Facebook group; Google Calendar (coming)
- SERVICE UNIT VOLUNTEERING: Sign up Genius coming: cookie team members, camping team, events, etc.
- BUDDY TROOPS: Junior Troops with Daisy Troops. Cadette Troops with Brownie Troops.
- GNOMS: Girls Night Out for Middle Schoolers (Danielle Orr-Bement)
- AWARDS: Juniors (Bronze), Cadettes (Silver), Seniors & Ambassadors (Gold)
- 2018-19 EVENTS
  - Sunday, Sept. 16: Troop Formation Event (1-2 pm) (Kate Akyuz) & Songfest Welcome Back Meeting (2-3:30 pm) (Kathy McDonald) @ MIPC
  - September 28-30: Fall Encampment @ Camp Robbinswold (Lori Kovarik)
  - October/November: JGL Skating Party @ Sno-King Ice Area in Renton (Heather Hall)
  - Gals and Pals, Feb. 1-3 (Need committee of Cadette Troops & Up)
  - December, Brownies Making Brownies @ MI Fire Station (Kate Akyuz)
  - December, Secret Santa Scouts for MIYFS (Need Troop – perfect for Juniors)
  - January-March: Cookie Season (Need Committee)
  - Jan-Feb: Silver & Gold Award Banquet (Need Troop – perfect for Cadettes)
  - March: Spring Songfest (Need Troop – perfect for Juniors)
  - April or May: Spring Encampment (Need Committee)
  - June: All Island Bridging Ceremony (Danielle Orr-Bement)
  - Summer Celebration and Parade (Need Troop – perfect for any age)
- TROOP LEADER MEETINGS: 10/9, 11/13, 12/11, 1/8, 2/12, 3/12, \*4/22, 5/14 and 6/11. \* April changed, Spr. Brk.

### 5. Ideas to make these meetings worthwhile & awesome (Kathy - 25-minute brainstorm)

- What Do I Have to Give?
- What Topics Am I Interested In?
- What Help Do I Need?

### 6. Adjourn, Closing Inspiration & Girl Scout Material Exchange



**Girl Scout Inspiration – 2.6 million strong, founded in 1912 in Savannah, Georgia, by Juliette Gordon “Daisy” Low**

### **Remember Our Girl Scout Founding Principles**

- Mission: Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.
- Slogan: Do a good turn daily.
- Motto: Be prepared.

### **Girl Scout Promise**

On my honor, I will try:

To serve God\* and my country,  
To help people at all times,  
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

### **Girl Scout Law**

I will do my best to be  
honest and fair,  
friendly and helpful,  
considerate and caring,  
courageous and strong, and  
responsible for what I say and do,  
and to  
respect myself and others,  
respect authority,  
use resources wisely,  
make the world a better place, and  
be a sister to every Girl Scout.

### **Why Girl Scouts Is the Best Leadership Development Experience for Girls in the World**

Girl Scouts is one of the only non-competitive activities for girls.

Girl Scouts unleashes the **G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)<sup>™</sup>**

Research shows that girls learn best in an all-girl, girl-led, and girl-friendly environment. Girl Scouts is a place where she'll practice different skills, explore her potential, take on leadership positions—and even feel allowed to fail, dust herself off, get up, and try again.

Girl Scouts is proven to help girls thrive in five key ways as they:

1. Develop a strong sense of self.
2. Seek challenges and learn from setbacks.
3. Display positive values.
4. Form and maintain healthy relationships.
5. Identify and solve problems in the community.

### **Remember These Girl Scout Guiding Principles**

- Girl Led – Learn Cooperatively – Learning by Doing
- Discover – Connect – Take Action